

On May 23, 2008, the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mehmet Ali Talat, and the Greek Cypriot leader, Demetris Christofias, reaffirmed their commitment to a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation with political equality as defined by relevant Security Council resolutions. This will include a federal government with a single international personality as well as a Turkish Cypriot constituent state and a Greek Cypriot constituent state, both of equal status.

If the process to reach a settlement is derailed, I'm concerned that it will take years to resuscitate negotiations. The issues facing the two communities are difficult, but they are not insurmountable.

Five years ago, the inhabitants of the island participated in a referendum put forward by the United Nations under Secretary General Kofi Annan. The Annan Plan, to which it is often referred, foresaw a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation based on political equality. Unfortunately, it was overwhelmingly rejected by Greek Cypriots in 2004 despite vast support by Turkish Cypriots.

The Annan Plan was the product of intense negotiations conducted under the auspices of the United Nations Secretary General between the Turkish Cypriots, Greek Cypriots, Turkey, and Greece. It was the first plan since the conflict began to be submitted for public approval. In addition, it struck a fair compromise between the two sides on the island and was supported by both the United States and the European Union. Had it been accepted, it would have brought about a resolution to this longstanding separation of the island and contributed to political stability in this region of the world.

I was hoping the outcome would meet the fundamental interests of the parties, including economic and political security for all Cypriots, and put an end to the island's division. However, with the rejection of the Annan Plan by the Greek Cypriots, I must ask my fellow colleagues to join me in continuing to work with good faith and determination to build a brighter future for all the people of Cyprus. The international community should keep the promises made in 2004 to end the isolation of the Turkish Cypriots, given their support for a negotiated settlement.

Madam Speaker, the leaders on both sides of this conflict will require a strong political will to overcome the difficult issues that the process to reconciliation necessitates. The United States should do all it can to support this process and avoid any steps which would undermine the leaders of the various parties.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. WHITFIELD. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 2010 Energy and Water Appropriations Act, the FY 2010 Transportation Treasury Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, and the FY 2010 Education, Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Section 205

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopkinsville

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 North Main Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Description of Request: Funding will be used to study the South Fork of the Little River to reduce 100 year flood levels in Hopkinsville by 2.6–4.9 feet. The agency that should provide the funding is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Section 205.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Investigations

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Paducah

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 South 5th Street, Paducah, KY 42001

Description of Request: Funds will be used (\$44,000) for the rehabilitation of the current flood control system will involve repair/replacement of pumping station equipment, corrugated pipes, concrete, and other appurtenant features. This is considered a levee safety issue. This project was authorized in the 2007 Water Resources Development Act.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: O and M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hickman-Fulton County Riverport Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 625 Catlett Street, Hickman, KY 42050

Description of Request: This funding (\$44,000) provides for maintenance of an off-river harbor channel extending from the main channel of the Mississippi River along the City. Annual dredging is necessary to ensure maximum efficiency of the Harbor. This project will provide vital economic development and community growth.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Other Defense Activities—Health, Safety, and Security

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Department of Energy

Address of Requesting Entity: Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

Description of Request: This funding (\$1,000,000) will be used to assess the health of DOE contract workers in Paducah, KY to detect selected occupational illnesses at an early stage. This funding will help screen for health problems, which will save taxpayers' money in the long-run. The agency that should provide the funding is the Department of Energy and the account is Other Defense Activities—Health, Safety, and Security.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nashville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: This project consists of constructing a completely new lock and dam structure, which is vital to the movement of goods through the inland waterways system. The project will have an average annual benefit of \$70.7 million when completed. Expanding Kentucky Lock will help protect hun-

dreds of jobs and help ship products promptly to more than 23 other states. The agency that should provide the funding (\$1,000,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Nashville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202

Description of Request: The rock foundation under the dam continues to deteriorate and foundation seepage pressures have increased, which prompted the Corps to begin this major rehabilitation. Catastrophic failure of the dam could result in loss of life and massive destruction of property downstream. The agency that should provide the funding (\$123,000,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Louisville Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201

Description of Request: This strategic reach of the Ohio River provides a connection between the Mississippi River, Tennessee River, and Cumberland River. More tonnage passes this point than any other place in America's inland navigation system. Traffic at the Olmsted project is projected to exceed 113 million tons by 2020. This project will facilitate the movement of goods throughout the country. The agency that should provide the funding (\$109,790,000) is the Corps of Engineers and the account is Construction.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Elementary and Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Reading is Fundamental

Address of Requesting Entity: 1825 Connecticut Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20009

Description of Request: Reading Is Fundamental enhances child literacy by providing millions of underserved children with free books for personal ownership and reading encouragement from the more than 18,000 locations throughout all fifty states, Washington, D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Breathitt Veterinary Center (BVC)

Address of Requesting Entity: 715 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Description of Request: The funding (\$350,000) will be used for teaching and Laboratory Equipment purchase, installation, and maintenance at the Breathitt Veterinary Center in Hopkinsville, KY. Currently, the BVC is a Biological Safety Level (BSL) 2 facility, employing over 50 people, but serving a 150 mile radius to research, diagnose, and report bioterrorism and high impact disease agents in the food supply.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Western Kentucky Community and Technical College
Address of Requesting Entity: 4810 Alben Barkley Drive, Paducah, KY 42002

Description of Request: Western Kentucky Community and Technical College is proposing to develop a skilled crafts training center in Graves County, Kentucky. Funds have been dedicated to purchase the facility, but federal funds are needed for equipment purchases to enhance automotive and diesel technology programs to facilitate training in the automotive industry, which will help attract businesses to the area. (\$250,000)

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Elementary & Secondary Education (includes FIE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McLean County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 127, Calhoun, KY 42327

Description of Request: The McLean County Fiscal Court will utilize this project to assist the community and local school children increase their educational opportunities by purchasing equipment necessary for educational purposes for the Livermore Community Library. Funds (\$150,000) will be used to purchase computers, teaching equipment, and develop training seminars to facilitate educational opportunities throughout the County.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Labor, Health and Education Appropriations Bill

Account: Higher Education (Includes FIPSE)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Madisonville Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: PO Box 127, Calhoun, KY 42327

Description of Request: Funds (\$100,000) will be used to purchase instructional equipment to support full implementation of Advanced Industrial Integrated Technology (AIIT) associate degree program developed to provide the multi-skilled maintenance technician demanded by modern manufacturers. The AIIT curriculum can serve as a national model for the effective web-enhanced delivery of technical training.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Monroe County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 1194 Columbia Avenue, Tompkinsville, KY 42167

Description of Request: Funds (\$250,000) will be used to construct a new market facility that would facilitate economic development and provide added benefits to the local community.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency

Address of Requesting Entity: 23 Industry Drive, Jamestown, KY 42629

Description of Request: Funds (\$70,000) will be used to install emergency radios in buses that transport senior citizens to and from their medical appointments in an area that is currently undergoing a Dam safety rehabilitation project, which increases the need for emergency communications.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Audubon Area Community Services

Address of Requesting Entity: 1800 West Fourth Street, Owensboro, KY 42304

Description of Request: The Bus maintenance facility is needed to help maintain and protect the safety of people who are using this service for transportation purposes. Funding (\$1,350,000) will be used to construct this facility.

Requesting Member: Congressman ED WHITFIELD

Bill Number: FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill

Account: Buses and Bus Facilities
Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Address of Requesting Entity: 1100 South Liberty Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Description of Request: Pennyrile Allied Community Services works to reduce and eliminate poverty by providing the opportunity for education, training, and work. One main way this mission is accomplished is through transporting people. Funding (\$500,000) will be used to purchase on-board security cameras and enlarge and renovate the transit facility on site.

LET'S ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE DONATIONS

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I recently introduced legislation (H.R. 3248) intended to simplify the charitable giving rules for automobile donations.

As you know, in 2004, Congress enacted legislation that imposed new reporting requirements on individuals and charities for automobile donations. This legislation has had the unintended consequence of reducing the number of automobiles donated to charities in my district. The corresponding loss in revenue and reduction in services offered by these charities has hurt the San Diego region.

To correct this situation, my bill will exempt certain charities from the reporting requirements of the 2004 law. My bill is targeted only

to those charities that operate "in-house" vehicle donation programs and that retain at least 80% of the proceeds from their vehicle donation programs.

I invite my colleagues to join me as co-sponsors of this legislation to simplify the vehicle donation process for charitable organizations across the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATIONS

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I rise today to submit the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies FY10 Appropriations Act.

The following earmarks were requested by my office and are listed for funding in this bill: Aerospace Museum of California Foundation, Inc., McClellan, CA for maintenance of collections

Requesting Member: DANIEL E. LUNGREN
Bill Number: FY10 Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations

Account: Institute of Museum and Library Services—Museums and Libraries

Requesting Agency: Aerospace Museum of California Foundation, Inc.

Requesting Agency Address: 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan, CA 95652

Amount: \$930,000

This project will provide for the repair of seven aircraft, six of which belong to the Federal Government. There are 150 retired military people that are volunteering their time to repair the aircraft. The volunteer contribution is equal to \$620,512.

This project represents an appropriate use of taxpayer funds as it provides for the maintenance of property of the U.S. Government, partnering with volunteer contribution to deliver a maintained educational resource, expounding the importance and history of our aeronautical endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 20, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, due to a personal medical condition on July 7, 2009 I missed two votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

"Aye" on Directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol, and for other purposes. (rollcall No. 478)

"No" to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide an annual grant to facilitate an iron working training program for Native Americans. (rollcall No. 479)